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1. DURING BRIEF ONE-DAY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE (JANUARY 29-30), CODEL DIGGS WAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE FAVORABLE (THOUGH NOT EFFUSIVE) PUBLICITY IN LOCAL MEDIA, HAD VERY USEFUL CONVERSATION WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER AND WAS CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY PRIMIN CHISANO AND, AT FRELIMO HEADQUARTERS, BY PARTY MILITANTS. CONSUL GENERAL'S RECEPTION FIRST EVENING GAVE CODEL OPPORTUNITY MEET PROMINENT MEMBERS LOURENCO MARQUES COMMUNITY, INCLUDING NUMBER OF AFRICANS, BUT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED POLICY, NO FRELIMO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ATTENDED.

2. PRINCIPAL SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIMIN AND HIGH COMMISSIONER ON U.S. - MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS WERE REPORTED REF B. IN ANSWER TO CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' QUESTION ON OVER-ALL FOREIGN POLICY TREND, PRIMIN CHISSANO SAID THAT MOZAMBIQUE WAS OPEN TO FOREIGN RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES. HE POINTED OUT THAT A WEST GERMAN DELEGATION AND THE U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICA HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN LOURENCO MARQUES. AS FOR OTHER (WESTERN) COUNTRIES FRELIMO WAS WAITING FOR SOME SHOW OF SUPPORT FROM SUCH COUNTRIES AS THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, BRAZIL AND CANADA. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS REMARKED THAT HE WOULD BE VISITING DAR-ES-SALAAM DURING HIS PRESENT TOUR AND WOULD SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH FRELIMO LEADERS THERE.

3. RE ATMOSPHERICS, CODEL DIGGS WAS GIVEN "FRATERNAL" TREATMENT. CODEL'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION SESSION WITH PRIMIN, (AFTER CONGEN RETIRED FROM ROOM AFTER INITIAL FORMAL CALL AND DISCUSSIONS ON ECONOMIC AID) WAS REPORTEDLY MUCH MORE RELAXED AND FRANK. CODEL TOLD US THAT, THOUGH LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE WAS DISCUSSED, CHISSANO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT FROM AMERICAN PRIVATE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS AS OPPOSED TO USG, DURING ITS LIBERATION STRUGGLE. IN THE INITIAL SESSION WITH CONGEN PRESENT HE SAID THAT DIFFERENCES COULD BE FORGOTTEN AND IT WAS POSSIBLE TO COOPERATE WITH USG "IN A CORRECT WAY". THAT WAS WHY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO VISIT MOZAMBIQUE PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE AND WAS THE ONLY REASON WHY THE CONGEN WAS ALLOWED TO HAVE CERTAIN CONTACTS WITH FRELIMO GOVERNMENT MEMBERS. CONGEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICIALS WERE ALSO TOLD THAT THEY WERE NOT EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY CODEL DIGGS DURING VISIT TO FRELIMO HEADQUARTERS.

4. KENNEDY STAFFDEL ROBERT BATES, WHO ARRIVED FOUR DAYS BEFORE REST OF CODEL DIGGS GROUP, PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES OF PHELPS-STOKES GROUP (SEPARATE AIRGRAMS FOLLOW).

5. AS REPORTED IN USINFO TELEGRAM, CONGRESSMAN DIGGS TOLD

PRES THAT UNDER KENNEDY AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN AID BILL AS AMENDED IN JOINT SENATE-HOUSE VERSION, HE WAS SURE MOZAMBIQUE WOULD BE RECEIVING "SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS". STAFFDEL BATES MADE SOME EXTREMELY WARM AND HELPFUL REMARKS CONCERNING VISIT DURING DIGGS PRESS CONFERENCE. BATES WILL BE BACK IN WASHINGTON EARLY NEXT WEEK AND STRONGLY SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT HIM FOR DEBRIEFING. (CONGRESSMAN DIGGS SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE CONTACTED LATER UPON HIS RETURN.)

6. COMMENT: I BELIEVE CODEL VISIT WAS USEFUL IN REVIVING MOMENTUM OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN U.S. OFFICIALS FROM CONGRESS AS WELL AS EXECUTIVE BRANCH (I.E., CONSULATE GENERAL). HOWEVER, FROM EXPERIENCE DURING VISIT IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT OUR ACCESS TO FRELIMO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN LOURENCO MARQUES WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIMITED UNTIL INDEPENDENCE. EXTENT TO WHICH WE CAN DEVELOP CONTINUING DIALOGUE WILL DEPEND GREATLY ON DECISIONS RE ECONOMIC AID.  
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